

CHS NEWS

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NEWS BRIEFS

Seasonal Meeting Opens In Bowling Green

More than 350 participants will attend the State Interagency Council's (SIAC) Spring 2000 Seasonal Meeting Tuesday and Wednesday in Bowling Green. The State Interagency Council helps coordinate services provided through 18 regional councils, community mental health centers and other providers.

Brain Injury Summit To Be Held March 30-31

The Brain Injury Summit 2000 will be held in Louisville March 30-31. This program, sponsored by The Brain Injury Association of Kentucky (BIAK) will be held at the Baptist Hospital East Education Center. For information, call the Brain Injury Association of Kentucky toll free at 800-592-1117.



**TIP OF
THE
WEEK**

March is **Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**. This cancer is the 2nd leading cancer killer in the U.S.; an estimated 900 Kentuckians die from it annually. Screening and healthy lifestyles can prevent this cancer. People 50 years and older are urged to get screened.

March of Dimes Fundraiser Is March 24; Docs To Kiss Donkey

CHS is raising money for the March of Dimes WalkAmerica 2000 in more ways than one. In addition to the annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica event scheduled for Frankfort-based state employees in April, Vital Statistics is sponsoring a Kiss the Donkey Contest on March 24.

Employees may vote via a monetary donation for either Public Health Commissioner Rice Leach or Epidemiology Director Glyn Caldwell to kiss a donkey. Vital Statistics collected more than \$700 last year and was the leading March of Dimes fundraiser for CHS.

The Kiss the Donkey event will be at noon in the courtyard. Em-

ployees are invited to watch Drs.

Leach or Caldwell

do the honors. (In

case of a tie, both

will take part). The

contest is open to all

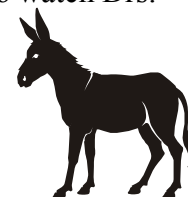
CHS employees. Voting

containers are in the

Commissioner's Office and in Vital Statistics.

The April 14th Walk is from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Capitol grounds. Money collected helps in preventing birth defects through community service, advocacy, research, and education.

For more information call Roger Smiley at 502-564-2888.



New Newsletter for CHS Employees

Welcome to the first edition of the Cabinet for Health Services employee newsletter. For now, we're calling it the CHS News. Details on a contest for a new name will be announced soon.

CHS News will be published every Monday. A note will be e-mailed to employees telling them where to find the newsletter on the cabinet web page. The newsletter will be posted in the Human Resources Building in Frankfort.

This newsletter is for all CHS employees – those who work in facilities and offices across the state, along with those in Frankfort. We want to hear news about you

and your work, so feel free to offer contributions and suggestions.

This newsletter is intended to help distribute information to employees concerning personnel matters, budget issues, information technology, and human interest items.

We'll need to receive contributions by Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. EDT. If you want to publicize an event, please give us two weeks notice.

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Medicaid Hires First Medical Director

The Department for Medicaid Services has hired its first medical director.

Dr. Louis Moore comes to Kentucky from the Bureau of TennCare in Tennessee, where he served as Associate Medical Director for four years. He previously served as Medical Director of Health Care Facilities in Tennessee, as Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Health Services, and as Medical Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Medicaid.

Moore said he is interested in quality health care in a managed health care environment. "I look forward to working with all the Medicaid staff to help assure that recipients get quality health care and achieve positive health outcomes," Moore said.

Moore is a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He completed a medical residency in pathology at



Dr. Moore

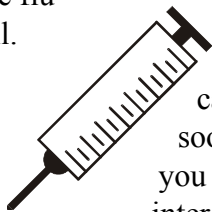
the University of Alabama in Birmingham and later completed a medical residency in preventive medicine at the University of South Carolina, where he also received a Master of Public Health degree. He graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy and worked as a retail pharmacist before medical school.

Moore's duties will include medical policy development and providing medical support and consultation to the commissioner and Medicaid divisions. He will serve as a liaison with the medical community and work with the department's clinical committees and Technical Assistance Groups.

Free Flu Shots To Be Offered To CHS Employees This Fall

CHS will be offering free flu shots to employees this fall.

"With the shot, we will hopefully be able to provide a more comfortable winter season for many of our employees and also save some work days which would otherwise be lost to



illness," CHS Secretary Jimmy D. Helton said. Due to the demand, the cabinet must get its order in soon, so see your supervisor if you are interested. The list of interested employees must be sent to Cindy Atkins in the secretary's office by March 24. If there are questions, call Cindy at 564-7130.

KEAP Assists State Employees

The Kentucky Employee Assistance Program (KEAP) is dedicated to helping employees find solutions to the personal problems that may hinder their effectiveness at work.

Problems concerning marital, family, or emotional distress, alcoholism and drug abuse, financial or even medical issues can seriously diminish an individual's job performance.

State employees and their dependents are eligible for KEAP services. There is no cost for its information or referral services. All of your contact with KEAP is confidential as required by law.

Call the KEAP office for information or referral. In Frankfort call 502-564-5788, or use the toll-free 1-800-445-KEAP number from anywhere in the state.

CHS Moving Up To The Fifth Floor

The CHS move to the 5th floor in the Human Resources Building in Frankfort is marching on.

Work is scheduled to start this week on new offices on the 5th floor. Precautions will be taken to avoid disturbing employees. Plastic barriers and an outside venting procedure will be used to avoid the spread of dust and work will be done at night.

Some staff with Office of Aging Services have already moved to temporary offices at Fair Oaks. They can be reached at the same phone number, 564-6930.